

What We've Accomplished Together



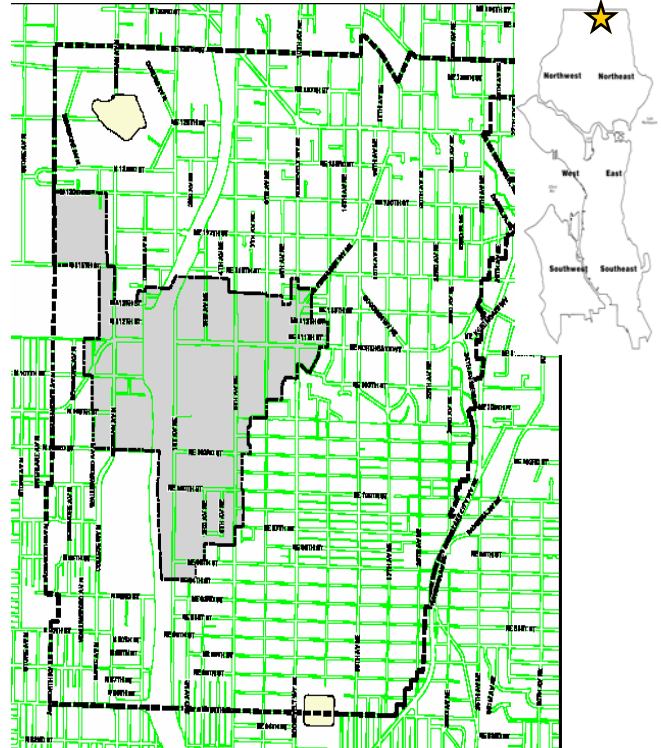
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Neighborhood: Northgate

Plan Adopted: 1993

Key Elements:

1. Traffic Management
2. Pedestrian-Friendly Development
3. Open Space



Northgate Urban Center
Northeast Sector

What happened in 2002

- **Mayor's Action Plan** - Mayor Nickels' staff briefed the City Council in preparation for submission of his Northgate Action Agenda in early 2003. This package of proposed legislation is intended to expand public facilities in the Northgate area, build on previous and current community processes, and encourage economic development. Community and City Council review begins in 2003.
- **New Library and Community Center Update** - Seattle Public Library and the Department of Parks and Recreation held an open house in mid-October to allow community members to meet the four final architectural teams in consideration for the Library/Park/Community Center Master Plan. ARC architects completed the site plan.
- **Maple Leaf Community Garden** - Friends of Maple Leaf P-Patch neared their goal of a community garden for the last undeveloped parcel recommended for open space in the 1993 *Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan*. Currently a vacant lot, this parcel on 103rd just east of 5th Ave. NE will be a welcome part of the civic transformation. The Friends garnered the support of a Neighborhood Matching Fund award, Pro Parks Opportunity Fund selection, King County Conservation Futures Tax award, and a variety of grants from private and corporate donors.

What's Underway In 2003

- **Site plans developed** and a final alternative were chosen for the library/community center/park campus in first quarter of 2003. Seattle Public Library and the Parks and Recreation Department will host several opportunities to provide input into programming and design of the buildings and site. Design of the facilities will be completed by 2004; construction complete by 2005. For more information, visit: http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/centers/current/Northgate_Community_Center.htm or <http://www.spl.org/Neighborhoodlibs/northgate/buildingnorthgate.html>
- **Legislation** – City Council will vote on the Mayor's proposed development agreement in late summer.
- **Community Garden acquisition** will be complete in 2003; planning and development of site are the next steps to be undertaken in second half of 2003.
- **Coordinated Traffic Analysis** is scheduled for late 2003, but funding remains to be identified.
- **Design work** on over \$2M of improvements to NE 5th Ave will begin in fall 2003, beginning implementation of 2002's NE 5th Avenue Streetscape Design Plan.
- **Improvements to Thornton Creek Park 6** will continue, including habitat restoration.
- **Thornton Creek Action Agenda**—The City has adopted 115 of the 131 recommendations by the Thornton Creek community to improve the health of Thornton Creek.
- **Design for King County's Transit Oriented Development** will continue, coordinating with the City's coordinated traffic analysis, development plans for the mall site and south lot, and Sound Transit.

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